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SUBJ: JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN'S MISSION TO IRAQ TO DISCUSS OIL
REFINERY CONSTRUCTION

REF: A. TOKYO 1129

B. TOKYO 3505

1. JAPANESE PRESS REPORTED MAR 13 THAT CONSORTIUM OF JAPANESE
COMPANIES CENTERING ON EIGHT FIRMS--C. ITOH, TOMEN, SUMITOMO
TRADING, MARUBENI, DAIKYO OIL, MITSUBISHI OIL, JAPAN GASOLINE,
AND CHIYODA CHEMICAL ENGINEERING--WOULD DISPATCH A MISSION TO
IRAQ MAR 13 TO DISCUSS A 200,000 BARREL/DAY OIL REFINERY WHICH
THE CONSORTIUM HOPES TO CONSTRUCT. THIS PROJECT WAS AMONG THOSE
DISCUSSED BY GOJ INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
INDUSTRY MINISTER NAKASONE DURING HIS JANUARY VISIT TO IRAQ,
AT WHICH TIME HE PROMISED A TOTAL OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN LOANS
BY JAPAN TO IRAQ (SEE REFTTEL A).

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2. TOMEN SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY MAR 15 THAT THIRTEEN MAN MISSION WILL BE HEADED BY SHOKICHI OZAWA, TOMEN DIRECTOR. SIX MEMBERS DEPARTED JAPAN MAR 13 AND REMAINING SEVEN WILL LEAVE MAR 18. MISSION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN BY END OF MONTH. ACCORDING TOMEN SOURCE, TALKS WILL DEAL WITH SIZE AND TYPE OF REFINERY; GRADE OF CRUDE OIL TO BE REFINED; TERMS OF EXPORT OF REFINED OIL TO JAPAN; AND OTHER MATTERS. COST ESTIMATES FOR THE REFINERY RANGE FROM DOLLARS 300 TO 500 MILLION. 1977 IS TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION. ACCORDING TOMEN SOURCE, DETAILS CONCERNING EXTENT AND TYPE SUPPORT THIS PROJECT MIGHT RECEIVE FROM PROMISED DOLLARS ONE BILLION LOAN NOT YET DECIDED. SHOESMITH

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